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British Medical Association.

CURRENT NOTES.

Gratuities of Territorial Medical Officers.

Up till the middle of last summer a considerable number of Territorial medical officers whose substantive rank was that of captain or major, were holding the temporary rank of lieut.-colonel whilst specially employed—usually as officer commanding a field ambulance or other medical unit. An Army Council Instruction, No. 818, of July 21st, 1918, was then issued giving approval to the formation of a general seniority list for Territorial medical officers, and stating that temporary rank might no longer be held or given in the R.A.M.C.(T.F.), but that officers then holding such rank would, if they continued to hold their appointments, be eligible for equivalent acting rank. We are assured, and we accept the assurance, that there was no sinister purpose behind this abolition of temporary rank in the R.A.M.C. Territorial Force. On October 30th, 1918, a Supplement to the *London Gazette*, No. 30981, enumerated the medical officers affected by the above Army Council Instruction.

Subsequently General Routine Orders were issued from G.H.Q. in France to the effect that officers holding *temporary* rank would be eligible for any increase in the pay of their temporary rank, and would receive the gratuities based on their temporary rank; but officers holding *acting* rank would not be eligible to receive any increase, and would receive the gratuity of their substantive—that is, permanent—rank on discharge or demobilization. These orders were issued as the result of Army Council Instruction No. 1164, of October 20th, 1918, and a special Army Order dated November 29th, 1918.

It appears from the Supplement to the *London Gazette* of October 30th, 1918, that substantive captains and majors R.A.M.C.(T.F.) who held the temporary rank of lieut.-colonel—some of them since the beginning of 1915 and most of them for more than two years—were gazetted out of their higher temporary rank, and those who continued in command of medical units were at once regazetted as acting lieutenant-colonels with retrospective effect. At the same time and in the same way temporary majors R.A.M.C.(T.F.) were converted into acting majors. The difference in status between temporary and acting rank is negligible; but, so far as we are able to follow the matter, the final result will be that these Territorial medical officers on demobilization, instead of receiving the gratuity based on the higher rank held for long periods, will receive only the gratuity of their permanent rank. Reference to the Royal Pay Warrant will show that this may mean in some cases a loss of £200 or £300.

We have received many communications from Territorial medical officers with regard to this matter, and we have ourselves made inquiries. There is no doubt that the change from temporary to acting rank has been made in the case of these medical officers of the Territorial Force, and it seems equally certain that gratuities dependent upon rank will be paid on the last temporary or substantive (not acting) rank held by the officer at the end of his service. It does not appear to make any difference whether the officer is demobilized at his own request or at the request of the Ministry of National Service on public grounds; his acting rank counts for nothing, however long it may have been held; the gratuity he receives is that of his last temporary or substantive rank.

The natural conclusion is that the retrospective change from temporary to acting rank has been made for financial reasons; if so, another deliberate injustice has been added to the many borne by the medical officers of the Territorial Force. But we have the assurance that it was not intended by Army Council Instruction No. 818 to affect adversely the gratuity to which Territorial medical officers would be entitled. Nor did this Instruction have any such effect until the issue at a later date of the Army Order laying down that a gratuity dependent on rank shall be assessed on the rate of pay of the last substantive or temporary rank, and not on any acting rank. We cannot believe that the Army Order which deprived acting rank of its gratuity was submitted, prior to issue, for discussion with the department most concerned—namely, the Territorial Force Department of the R.A.M.C.; and from our knowledge of that department we feel certain that it fully appreciates the injustice which must arise, and will press for reversal of the rule that gratuities shall be based on substantive or temporary rank alone. This matter has already been brought to the notice of the Ministry of National Service by the Central Medical War Committee, and we cannot believe that it will be allowed to drop. It is strange that the Order stating that acting rank would not count in assessing the gratuity should have been issued within a few weeks of the cessation of hostilities. There can be no doubt that a large number of Territorial medical officers were reckoning on an increased gratuity, earned by service in a higher rank in positions of responsibility.

The Manner of Demobilization.

The general conditions governing the demobilization of army medical officers are the same as those which apply to officers of all other branches of the army. An officer on demobilization is not, under the regulations, entitled to leave for a month or any other term, with pay; the regulation to this effect applies only to N.C.O.'s and men. In the case of medical officers the principle by which the Army Medical Department desires to be guided is that preference in release from military service shall be given to medical officers of the Territorial Force and Special Reserve, and to those temporary officers who have served longest. The application of this principle would in any case necessarily have been uneven, because the release of officers serving in Salonica, Palestine, East Africa, and India, must be to some extent governed by local conditions and the possibility of meeting local requirements on the spot. A much more serious deviation from the principle was due to the demand for the release of individual medical officers to meet the emergency created in certain districts by the epidemic of influenza which is now declining. A considerable number of medical officers have been given priority of release in order to meet the representations of the Ministry of National Service as to urgent civil needs. The plan is not unattended with difficulty, and as soon as

the present requisitions are fulfilled the War Office will, we have no doubt, revert to the general principle of demobilization according to length of service and personal circumstances—that is to say, according to the scheme of priority drawn up by the Central Medical War Committee.

Association Notices.

MEETING OF COUNCIL.

THE next Meeting of Council will be held on Wednesday, January 22nd, in the Council Room, 429, Strand, London, W.C. 2.—By order,

W. E. WARNE,
Acting Financial Secretary and Business Manager.

January 2nd, 1919.

Naval and Military Appointments.

ROYAL NAVAL MEDICAL SERVICE.

THE following appointments are announced by the Admiralty:—Surgeon Lieutenant Commander K. D. Bell to rank as Surgeon Commander. Surgeon Lieutenants (temporary) W. A. Mills to the *Europa*, A. W. Cocking and C. L. Gimblett to Chatham Hospital, E. G. T. Holden and H. S. Le Marquand to the *Caesar*. To be Surgeon-Lieutenants (temporary): F. Gray, J. Pyan, J. L. Taylor.

ARMY MEDICAL SERVICE.

Temporary Colonel Owen Richards, C.M.G., D.S.O., relinquishes his commission.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

Lieut.-Colonel L. A. Mitchell is placed temporarily on the half-pay list.

The name of temporary Major Thomas Morton Frood is as now described, and not as in the *London Gazette* of June 1st, 1917.

Temporary Major P. Hamill (Captain R.A.M.C.T.F.), relinquishes his temporary commission on reposting.

Captain G. G. Collet relinquishes the acting rank of Lieutenant-Colonel and reverts to the acting rank of Major, with pay and allowances of his substantive rank.

Captain W. P. MacArthur, D.S.O., to be acting Lieut.-Colonel whilst specially employed.

Temporary honorary Lieutenants to be temporary honorary Captains: O. H. Stansfield, M. Bronk.

Temporary Lieutenants to be temporary Captains: B. W. Skinner, D. McCormack, A. S. Moorhead, E. F. Buckler.

Officers relinquish their commissions:—Temporary Majors: W. D. Anderson, R. Dick. Temporary Captains: E. O'D. Graham, V. T. W. Eagles, M.C., and D. W. Jones on account of ill health contracted on active service and retain the rank of Captain. Temporary Captains: W. G. L. Wambeek, C. T. M. Plowright, T. Duncan, M.C., H. W. Barber, J. B. C. Brockwell, E. A. Peters, F. L. Underwood, G. D. Laing, J. Howe, J. L. Digby, G. E. Lindsay, M.C., B. W. Cohen, W. F. H. Ives, J. L. Falconer, M. A. Spotswood, S. Robson, P. P. Warren, E. L. Matthew, E. E. T. Nuthall, R. Wilson, W. L. Dibb, S. Alexander, A. G. Harvey, F. W. Lyle, Arthur Chance, F. B. Julian, T. J. Ryan, J. A. Wood, J. C. Osburne, C. W. B. Littlejohn, S. N. Babington, I. M. Swanepoel, J. W. Watthews, M.C., W. Mackenzie, H. S. Turner, M.C., J. Ellenbogen, C. O. Stallybrass, A. F. G. Kerr, A. G. H. Lovell, G. N. Lorimer, A. W. F. Edmonds (on account of ill health). Temporary honorary Captains: S. A. Henry (on ceasing to be employed with St. John Ambulance Brigade Hospital), R. M. Blake (on ceasing to serve with British Red Cross Society in France). Temporary Lieutenants: A. N. Symons, N. J. McCaskie, C. P. Lankester, G. F. N. Taylor, A. J. Watt, J. B. Minford, J. Morton, E. W. Whiting, E. Magoveny, H. J. Villiers, A. G. Heron, A. W. H. Cheyne.

ROYAL AIR FORCE.

MEDICAL BRANCH.

Granted temporary commissions:—As Captains: G. Sparrow and C. C. O'Malley, late temporary Surgeons R.N. As Lieutenant: W. J. S. Cameron.

The initials of Captain T. J. Thomas are as now described, and not as stated in the *London Gazette* of November 26th, 1918.

SPECIAL RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

Captain D. Loughlin relinquishes his commission on account of ill health, and retains the rank of Captain.

Captain E. R. Chambers relinquishes his commission on account of ill health contracted on active service, and retains the rank of Captain.

Lieutenants to be Captains: N. H. S. Maelzer, W. H. Rowden, J. Thompson, G. R. Sharp, F. L. Richard, C. H. Warner, F. Cameron, A. Wingfield, J. L. D. Buxton, E. P. N. Creagh, J. A. Stewart, T. P. Lloyd, G. E. Birkett.

To be Lieutenants: W. E. P. Briggs, from Manchester University Constituency O.T.C., G. Winter.

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CANADIAN ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

Temporary Lieut.-Colonel W. H. Delaney to be temporary Colonel.

Temporary Captains to be acting Majors: A. G. MacLeod while employed as S.M.O., November 1st, 1918 (substituted for notification in the *London Gazette* of December 6th, 1918), R. M. Fergusson while employed at a stationary hospital, C. E. Preston while employed as Surgeon No. 15 Canadian General Hospital, Taplow; F. W. Blakeman while employed at No. 5 Canadian General Hospital.

SOUTH AFRICAN MEDICAL CORPS.

H. J. Hollis to be temporary Captain.

TERRITORIAL FORCE.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

Captain (acting Major) T. H. Richmond to be acting Lieut.-Colonel whilst specially employed.

Seconded for service with the R.A.F.: Majors W. G. Mitchell, A. H. Hogarth, Captains W. H. H. Bennett, D. Cameron, J. H. Chauncy, J. P. N. Casey, C. C. Fitzgerald, O. Gleeson, J. J. C. Hamilton, J. M. Kirkness, F. C. Kempson, A. MacLennan, J. A. Parsons, F. Roberts, A. Scott-Turner, F. J. P. Saunders, H. J. Shanley, H. M. S. Turner, N. R. Williamson, C. Webb, A. Sutcliffe, J. M. Wyatt (5th London General Hospital), E. W. Gregory (1st London Sanitary Company).

1st London Sanitary Company.—Lieutenant A. G. Harrington to be Captain and to remain seconded.

2nd London General Hospital.—Major (Brevet Lieut.-Colonel—acting Lieut.-Colonel) C. A. Lees to be Lieut.-Colonel on the permanent personnel.

TERRITORIAL FORCE RESERVE.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

To be Lieutenant-Colonel: Lieut.-Colonel W. E. Foggie, D.S.O., from 3rd Highland Field Ambulance.

To be Majors: Majors W. B. Armstrong, F. N. Grinling, W. T. Rowe, M.C., E. E. Dyer, (acting Lieut.-Colonel) P. G. Williamson, M.C., J. S. Y. Rogers, D.S.O., and D. G. Campbell from Attached to Units other than Medical Units, J. A. Kendall from 2nd Northern Field Ambulance.

To be Captains: Captain (Brevet Major) W. J. Wilson, from list of officers supernumerary for service with O.T.C.; Captains D. Davidson, M.C., T. Higson, (acting Major) W. A. Robertson, W. C. F. Harland, B. G. Ewing, G. F. R. Smith, T. H. C. Derham, A. Morris, and A. A. Gunn, from Attached to Units other than Medical Units; Captains R. Hitchings and A. T. Swan, from the general hospital list, E. Hulme, from 2nd East Lancs Field Ambulance, D. M. Johnston and J. R. Chalmers, from 1st Home Counties Field Ambulance, W. Smith, from 2nd Northern Field Ambulance, (acting Lieut.-Colonel) G. C. E. Simpson, from West Lancs Casualty Clearing Station, (acting Major) J. H. Hunter, M.C., from 3rd Highland Field Ambulance, D. S. Sutherland, from 1st London Field Ambulance, (acting Major) A. R. Muir, from Lowland Mounted Brigade Field Ambulance, N. T. K. Jordan, from South Wales Mounted Brigade Field Ambulance, A. A. Pratt, from 4th Northern General Hospital, H. Stenhouse, from 2nd Northern Field Ambulance, W. J. Wilkinson, from 2nd East Anglian Field Ambulance, W. Bailey-Thompson, from Notts and Derby Mounted Brigade Field Ambulance, G. H. Kirby, from South Midland Casualty Clearing Station, A. M. Deane, and J. H. Paul, from Yorkshire Mounted Brigade Field Ambulance, W. L. Hibbert, from Home Counties Casualty Clearing Station, H. N. Crowe, from 2nd South Midland Field Ambulance, D. Macnair and (acting Major) H. C. Adams, from 2nd Wessex Field Ambulance, (acting Major) S. R. Foster, M.C., from 2nd North Midland Field Ambulance.

Lieutenant (acting Captain) H. T. Worlock to be acting Major.

APPOINTMENTS.

LLOYD, G. W., M.D., B.S.Lond., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Assistant Medical Superintendent, Camberwell Infirmary.

DISTRICT MEDICAL OFFICERS.—H. L. Finny, L.R.C.P. and S.I. (Wirral Union); A. C. Heard, M.B., Ch.B.Edin. (Carlisle Union); G. J. Meikle, L.R.C.P. and S.Edin. (Upton-on-Severn Union).

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

The charge for inserting announcements of Births, Marriages, and Deaths is **6s.**, *which sum should be forwarded with the notice not later than the first post on Wednesday morning in order to ensure insertion in the current issue.*

BIRTHS.

HARTLEY.—On December 27th, 1918, at Basford, Stoke-on-Trent, the wife of Harold Hartley, M.D., F.R.C.S., of a son.

SAVY.—On December 28th, 1918, at Crooksbury Sanatorium, Farnham, to Ethel, wife of Captain Félix Savy, M.B., a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

KELSALL—ELDERTON.—On December 15th, 1918, at St. Leonard's Church, Streatham, by the Rev. A. P. Gutch, Vicar of St. Margarets, Streatham, Major (acting Lieut.-Colonel) Robert Kelsall, D.S.O., I.M.S., son of Mr. T. Kelsall, of Clifton Drive, Fairhaven, Lytham, to Margaret Florence, third daughter of the late W. A. Elderton and Mrs. Elderton, 24, Mount Ephraim Road, Streatham.

DEATHS.

ANDERSON.—On December 21st, 1918, at 178, Oakwood Court, Kensington, Izett William Anderson, M.D., son of the late William Wemyss Anderson, formerly of Kingston, Jamaica, aged 81.

CUNNINGHAM.—Suddenly, at Bellview, Campbeltown, on December 22nd, 1918, John Cunningham, M.B., C.M., D.P.H., aged 74 years.

JOHNS.—On December 16th, 1918, at 4, Leeds Road, Harrogate, in his 46th year, Dr. Frederick Arthur Johns, M.B.Lond. Interment at Horlow Cemetery on Thursday, the 19th.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE.—*Section of Neurology:* Thursday, 8.30 p.m., Captain T. A. Ross: Peace and War Neuroses; Lieut.-Colonel A. F. Hurst and Major Symns: Hysterical Element in Organic Nervous Injuries and Diseases (Cinematographic Demonstration). *Section of Epidemiology and State Medicine:* Friday, 5.30 p.m., Lieut.-Colonel Martin Flack, R.A.F.: Some Simple Tests for Physical Efficiency. Those members of the Section who desire to dine after the meeting are requested to send in their names to Captain Greenwood, 7, Northumberland Street, W.C.2, not later than January 8th.

DIARY OF THE ASSOCIATION.

Date.		Meetings to be Held.
		JANUARY.
4	Sat.	Scottish Committee, North British Station Hotel, Edinburgh, 10.45 a.m.
7	Tues.	London: Medico-Political Committee, 2 p.m.
8	Wed.	London: Journal Committee, 2.30 p.m.
14	Tues.	London: Public Health Committee, 2.30 p.m.
15	Wed.	London: Finance Committee, 2.30 p.m.
22	Wed.	London: **Council Meeting.**

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